

# STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LANSING

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** September 3, 2015

**TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents

Public School Academy Directors

**FROM:** Brian J. Whiston, State Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** MDE Notice of Non-Discrimination Policy

The Michigan Department of Education has updated its Notice of Non-Discrimination Policy. See below for details.

#### STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW

The Michigan Department of Education complies with all Federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination, and with all requirements of the U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The Michigan Department of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

### **USDA NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities.)

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If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at <a href="http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint-filing-cust.html">http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint-filing-cust.html</a>, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at <a href="mailto:program.intake@usda.gov">program.intake@usda.gov</a>.

Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish).

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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